

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

**2:30 p.m.**

**BMU 205**

**Members Present:** Michael Pratt, Vu Nguyen, Teddy Delorenzo, Andrew Roberts, Bro Dumas, Brett Rahtz, Tammi Fleet, Drew Calandrella, Jim Hyatt

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** David Buckley, Karen Bang (recording), Jamie Clyde, Thang Ho, Shar Krater, Susan Jennings, Nan Timmons, Alisha Sharma, Zach Scott, Mark Stemen, Wyatt Caldeira, Joseph Pinna, Brianne Foster, William Brown

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by the Chair, Pratt.
- II. **AGENDA** – Motion to approve the 2/22/17 agenda (Nguyen/Dumas) 7/0/0 MSC.
- III. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2/8/17 regular meeting. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/8/17 regular meeting, as presented (Rahtz/Dumas) 7/0/0 MSC.
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Rahtz said the Black History Celebration Choir, led by Pedro Douglas, will be performing this Friday in Harlen Adams Theatre at 3 p.m.
- V. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Action items forwarded to the Board of Directors from the standing committees stand approved unless overturned by a 2/3 + 1 Board action.
  - A. Government Affairs Committee – Nguyen reviewed the items with the Board. Working on elections process.
    1. GAC Actions of 2/9/17
      - a. Approved the 2/9/17 agenda.
      - b. Approved the minutes of the 1/26/17 regular meeting and 2/2/17 special meeting.
      - c. Consent Agenda – 2016-17 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments  
Confirmation of appointments to Community Affairs Council  
- Commissioner of Community Affairs student appointments: Amy Quinto, Jackie Boyd, Zuri O'Balles
    2. GAC Actions of 2/16/17
      - a. Approved the 2/16/17 meeting agenda.
      - b. Approved the minutes of the 2/2/17 regular meeting.
      - c. Consent Agenda – 2016-17 Associated Students Committee/Council Appointments  
Confirmation of appointment to Diversity Affairs Council  
- Commissioner of Diversity Affairs student appointment: Romel Fessehatzion  
Confirmation of appointment to Sustainability Affairs Council  
- Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs appointment: Austin Fowlkes
      - d. Approved addition to Associated Students Corporate Codes: Initial Review Board Code, as revised.
      - e. Approved Associated Students Policy Agenda for 2016-17, as revised.
  - B. Bell Memorial Union Committee – Roberts reviewed the items with the Board.
    1. BMUC Actions of 2/13/17
      - a. Approved the 2/13/17 revised agenda.
      - b. Approved minutes of the 1/30/17 regular meeting.
  - C. Associated Students Businesses Committee – Rahtz reviewed the items with the Board.
    1. ASBC Actions of 2/20/17
      - a. Approved the 2/20/17 agenda.
      - b. Approved minutes of the 2/6/17 regular meeting.

**VI. BUSINESS**

- A. Action Item: Approval of proposed Advisory Measure for the spring 2017 General Election Ballot – Pratt displayed the proposed language for the 2017 election Advisory Measure which was as follows: **Should the Associated Students promote student and environmental safety by opposing the transportation of crude oil by rail through the City of Chico and the Feather River Canyon by using its lobbying**

**methods though the California State Student Association (CSSA) to formally oppose the construction or expansion of crude oil by rail facilities in the State of California?** Buckley said Jeff Carter, the AS attorney, reviewed the Advisory Measure wording that the three member committee prepared to determine whether it complies with CSUC and trustee policy and local, state and federal laws. Carter suggested the wording be changed as follows: **Should the Associated Students promote student and environmental safety by opposing the transportation of crude oil by rail through the City of Chico and the Feather River Canyon by using its lobbying methods though encouraging the California State Student Association (CSSA) to formally oppose the construction or expansion of crude oil by rail facilities in the State of California?** Buckley said he and Pratt contacted Stemen regarding Carter's suggested changes to the language. Pratt said everyone seems to be good to go with this language. He said he also briefly spoke with two CSSA members and they are fine with this going forward; in addition, there are 7 campuses looking forward to seeing this. Buckley said Carter's main concern was the word "lobby" and our status as a 501(c)(3). **Motion to approve proposed Advisory Measure for the spring 2017 General Election Ballot (Nguyen/Roberts).** Rahtz questioned what CSSA can do to oppose the transportation of crude oil. Pratt said in initial conversations with some of the people at CSSA, they could draft up some language via a licensed lobbyist and get a bill sponsored by McCarty or Weber who are usually aligned with sustainable measures. He said they would work on that language as long as it's related to something around campus. **Motion to approve the suggested changes to wording provided by Jeff Carter as presented. 6-0-1 MSC.**

- B. Information Item: Addition to Associated Students Corporate Codes: Initial Review Board Code – Pratt explained that this is a body stemming from GAC that can review all the Activity Fee related issues for policies and procedures and update as needed. He said this body would be making sure that there's justification for the selection of committee members in order to not leave people out of the loop of the application process. He said the Board, GAC and Student Senate are represented by voting membership. Delorenzo said Item VIII. a. v. is a very broad statement. Discussion was held and decision was made to remove Item VIII. a. v. This item, with revisions, to be returned to GAC for their review and approval (Calandrella and Hyatt joined the meeting at 2:55 p.m.). Vu questioned keeping all documents consistent and Buckley said the committee of three could let other areas know of changes.
- C. Information Item: Associated Students Policy Agenda – Pratt advised that this lets the Board know what GAC is trying to do in regards to timelines and what can be completed by the end of the semester. Nguyen questioned if future officers would be doing this and Pratt said there's nothing formal that this has to be done. Nguyen would like to continue this conversation as it shows measure of success in officer positions. Delorenzo said it's great to codify that this kind of document would exist but the subject and content really varies each year.
- D. Information Item: 1/31/17 Follett Wildcat Store Financials – Rahtz reviewed the information with the Board. Variance from January 2016 is flat, could be due to two additional days in January. He said Grad Fest is March 1 and 2.
- E. Director of University Affairs Report – Fleet reported that CSSA was this past weekend in San Francisco and a wide variety of discussions were held. She said the Student Academic Senate passed approximately a month ago two resolutions. The first was called Resolution Supporting all Students Seeking Educational Opportunities. The second was called Resolution Urging Support for all Students Seeking Educational Opportunities. She said the first Resolution (noted above) went to Academic Senate last week and got a vote of affirmation from them, as well as good feedback and support from the senators. She said this past Monday Student Academic Senate officially recommended the Senator for the College of Business, Antonio Robles. She said they had to vote twice on this appointment due to quorum issues and suggested policies need to be reviewed regarding quorum.
- F. Director of Legislative Affairs Report – Dumas said he didn't have quorum for LAC. He said his main focus will be talking about institutionalizing the voter registration process on campus, something similar to Cal Poly SLO's process. Dumas said he's continuing to fight the potential tuition increase.
- G. University Vice Presidents' Reports – Hyatt said next week is President Hutchinson's Investiture Ceremony. Calandrella thanked the students who contributed hours to the evacuation process.
- H. Executive Director's Report – Buckley provided historical perspective regarding funding that Jennings caught when she was working on the budget. He said prior to when we contracted with Follett, when the

Bookstore was struggling, BMUC and the BOD decided to try and help them financially by reducing the rent, or debt they paid back to the Union, by \$87,000 each year for three years. After that, it was to be reviewed with the idea that we'd still be operating the store. Buckley said Jennings caught that the \$87,000 each year is still being reduced. He said the issue is whether to bring it back, or not. He said it's nothing that Follett would pay. He said when the monthly Wildcat Store budget is reviewed, it notes the commission that Follett pays, as well as expenses that go out, such as paying the debt back to the Union, utilities, etc. At this point we have two more years left after this with Follett; we could present it in the budget to see how it looks. Buckley said when this was originally done, it was with the intention that the AS would be operating the Bookstore. He said we need to leave as is or add back in to Wildcat Store budget, but then that would reduce the bottom line by \$87,000. He suggested letting it ride for the next couple of years and when we renegotiate the contract with Follett, put out a RFP, or consider if we want to self-operate, this would be kept in mind. • Buckley said the AS Staff Retreat is March 13-14 in Folsom, same location as last year. • Buckley provided a Housing contract update noting that he has asked Corinne Knapp and Clyde to build a pro forma to show if we should go with a P&L model compared to the model we're on now, to start plugging in numbers to see what the effect would be on both the AS Dining and Housing budgets. He said the Board will be involved with the discussion and he plans for this to be approved by the Board by the end of April.

- I. President's Report – Pratt distributed to the Board his CSSA report, noting very little notes are kept of CSSA meetings. The Academic Conference was a couple of weeks ago and he will be providing notes from that conference. Pratt said regarding President Hutchinson's Investiture, Maggie White our Student Trustee will be coming up for it and while here wants to meet with our student leaders about the tuition increase and any other concerns they have.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Nguyen said Rahtz has been doing a great job coordinating and making sure there are student officers available to meet with the various VP for Business & Finance candidates.

**VIII. PUBLIC OPINION** – Limited to three minutes per speaker, five minutes for entire topic – None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m. by the Chair, Pratt.